—K of P convention here

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L. Hooks, a criminal court judge of Memphis, Tenn. who is supreme vice chancellor.

Also Federal Judge Scovell Richardson, New Rochell, N.Y. supreme past chancellor.

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STANDING OVATIONS were accorded Mayor McKeldin, Judge Russell and Supreme Chancellor Hester by the 700 banquet guests.

The mayor presented keys to the city to Hester and Judge Benjamin L. Hooks, supreme vice chancellor and copies of his book, "No Mean City" to the women's division official, Mrs. Lula Acree of New Jersey.

Welcoming the K of P's to Baltimore he told how "we've been sitting in, marching in, everything to get what we want in this town" and added "No matter how dark it gets, God will deliver His people."

He concluded to sustained applause, "Right is right. Things we are entitled to we will get. It is Maryland's plan, in God's plan."

Judge Russell was introduced by W. Emerson Brown, Maryland K of P Grand attorney and the jurist's former law firm member.

In his talk, Judge Russell accented opportunity as a two-way street and stated many other road blocks colored citizens find in the path they must remove themselves.

He termed the dignity expected from others, "a package we have not bought ourselves and asked the Pythians and other groups to dedicate themselves to helping the race in the pursuit of excellence, just as diligently as we have demanded civil rights."

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OTHERS ON the program included the Rt. Rev. Raymond L. Jones, presiding bishop of the 2nd AME Zion Episcopal District, Salisbury, N.C. who gave invocation; Dr. Clinton R. Coleman, pastor, Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, Baltimore, who brought welcome from Baltimore churches.

Supreme Chancellor Hester responded, to recall 20 years ago, Mr. McKeldin then Baltimore's mayor, also welcomed the K of P national convention and presented the lodge with a key to the city.

According to Mr. Hester, the group has not experienced a more successful convention than the one in Baltimore.

Master of ceremonies was Arthur L. Spencer, Baltimore, convention chairman.

Supreme officers were introduced by Mr. Hester and Judge Hooks.

Others lauded were Maryland's Grand Chancellor Commander John C. Murray, members of the Supreme Register and Order of Calanthe supreme officers.

Music was by Victor Myrich, pianist.

Monday evening ended with the grand ball.

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TONIGHT (TUESDAY) the K of P Moonlight Cruise leaves the foot of Broadway with 2,000 persons expected to be aboard.

There will be a band on each deck for dancing and picnic treats for all.

Business sessions each day open as 10 a.m. with all meetings at the Emerson.

The Princess of Omar banquet highlights Wednesday's program and closes the convention.

Baltimore public school teacher, Arthur L. Spencer is general convention chairman. Heading all K of P military units is Major General Earl T. Wilson of Chicago.

He and Maryland's Brigadier General Elanders Engler headed the parade of marching units that arrived in bus loads from lodges throughout Maryland, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, Indiana, North Carolina, West Virginia and Louisiana.

Brigadier General Herbert L. Hamilton heads the famed Trenton, N.J. Cavaliers, the K of P champions for years.

Other military commanders include Coleman Adams, Alabama; Alexander Scott, D.C.; James C. Coleman, Florida; Edgar Sears, Illinois; Carroll Henson, Indiana; Mazor J. Scott, Kansas; Russell A. Hurton, Louisiana; C. C. Boyer, Massachusetts; Raymond C. Custis, Michigan; Herbert L. Hamilton, New Jersey;

Also, Robert B. Edgecombe, New York; David G. Jones, Ohio; Alfred Rodney, Pennsylvania; Mary Brown, Virginia; Charles M. Smoot, West Virginia; Margaret Brown, Texas.

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SPECIAL NOTES

The K of P Souvenir Booklet in lodge colors of gold and crimson contains 60 pages of interesting information, over 100 photos and greetings from all over the nation.

Among greetings is the full page from Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, another from Mayor McKeldin and many Baltimore firms.

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OLDEST MEMBER present is Mrs. Daisy Pinder from Crockett, Texas, who has been a K of P Court of Calanthe member over 50 years. Greeting her on arrival in Baltimore was her niece, Mrs. Nathalia King Ramsundar, a Washington, D.C. public school librarian.

Mrs. Pinder's sister, Mrs. Creesette King, also of Crockett, is dean of women at the Cortez Peters Business College in D.C.

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Still operating is the famous K of P hotel and bath house in Hot Springs, Ark. which has welcome distinguished vacationers for nearly 40 years.

Under U.S. government regulations it has one of the finest spas in the nation and boasts "We bathe the world".

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AMONG THE many beautiful women present for the convention are the Grand Order Court of Calanthe legal reserve fraternal benefit officials, Mrs. R. D. Harper, grand worthy counsellor and Mrs. F. A. Robinson secretary treasurer, Houston, Texas.

The Calanthe bank in Houston, owned and controlled by 25,000 colored women is located at 2411 Dowling St. has reserves on endowment of $1,300,000 and assets of $1,475,000.

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THE SUPREME Lodge Knights of Pythias and the Supreme Court of the Order of Calanthe was incorporated May 8, 1870.

Earliest state organizations: 1860, Vicksburg, Miss.; 1861, New Orleans, La.; 1883, Texas; 1885, Missouri; 1885, Arkansas; 1885, Virginia.

DELEGATES, SOME of whom brought their families, filled the Emerson Hotel to capacity. Teenagers, members of the various youth departments helped man the elevators and served as junior hosts.

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THE ELLIS family from Youngstown, Ohio, is one of those lodged in the new Hilton (the K of P Grand Attorney) and four children have a family suite.

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'TWAS 1949 when the K of P's graced Baltimore and held the now famous Grand Ball and Moonlight Cruise.

Recalling the occasion when the guests stayed at the Old York Hotel and homes of various members is Baltimore's Mrs. Elizabeth K. McLaren, grand registrar of Knights of Maryland and supreme secretary of the Juvenile Department.

She and Mesdames Mary F. Ransom, chairman and Sarah E. Holmes, secretary are responsible for the programs along with committee members, including:

Messrs. and Mesdames Georgia M. Crews, Willie J. Smith, Annabelle Hayward, Lillian Neal, Margie T. Brown, Jessie C. Wells, Anna Scott, Earl Sye, Chester Goodie, Albert Holley, Arthur Cornish, William N. Fields, Felicia Truit, Agnes B. Williams, Hazel Croxton, Mary Ruffin, Wallace White, Blancia Coltman, E. Clarence Rice, John C. Murray, Alma Land, Gerandine Jones and Marie Duvall.

Present for the convention are the following officials:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA —Earl Towles, deputy supreme commander; Henry Robinson, keeper of records and seals; D. Tolliver, general; Ollie Anderson, Florine Pogue, Irene Robinson, Annie Templeton, Spirit of Progress Grand Court officials; Sojourner Truth No. 1 Katherine Simmons, Irene Robinson, Florine Pogue, Esther Springs; Emma C. Clements No. 2, Margaret Bonham, Olie Anderson, Pauline Hall, Ella Ricks; Emmanuel Progress No. 3, Annie Templeton, Emma Swan, Rebecca McCrea, Minie Carson Conleys Progress No 4, Lucy Davidson, Forester Hudson, Nellie Walker, Lucie Newton; Queen of Sheba No. 5, Loda Hawkins, Elizabeth Gaston, Louise Ames, Helen Gray; Brilliant Star No. 6, Elsie Price, Ethel Javinz, Eldora Lang, Margaret Harris,

Also, Rev. Edward Harris, Joseph L. Nicholas, Alice Harrison, Louise Frye.

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MICHIGAN—Ernest Clanton, Joseph Powell, Coleman, Smith, John J. Ownes, James Tolbert, Albert Glascow, Robert Modock, Sidney Pankey, Dove Brice, William Johnson, D. M. George, Frazier Edmond, Allen Washington, Herman King, A. C. Thomas, Herbert Dudley, Grant Muse, Raymond Middleton, Arsena Sanford, Opal Fisher.

CONNECTICUT — Russel Britt, Joseph Davis, Edward Finn, Yetta Burton, Thelma Kilby, Marie Duvall, Thelma Dove, Sarah E. Holmes, Beatrice Rogers, Nettie Brooks Dorothy Conaway, Ethel Robinson, Mae Crowder, Doris Jefferson, Annie Brown, Novella Hill.

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WEST VIRGINIA — J. A. Shelton, C. Gertrude DeBerry; ALABAMA—T. D. Mitchell, C. H. George, S. C. Perryman, A. J. Robinson, Ellis Jackson, Arthur Shores, S. S. Terry, Taldon Marshall, Arthur Thomas, M. T. Alexander; John Dark, Jimmie Hudson, Sam Dudley, W. A. Billingsles, W. P. Ponder, Andrew Freed, Jiutus Shields, Jeff J. Russell, F. W. McCollon, W. M. Parker, R. E. Moore, Earl Brown, W. M. Meadows

ARKANSAS — B. L. Hooks, Thelma Gunn, Alene Bradford, Corrine Cowan, Burnice Tolliette, Jenne Jones Timothy Bottoms, Florida — H. A. Driesbach, Relsford McGriff, Z. W. Washington, Elbert Jones, Richard Hammond, E. J. Sheppard, H. M. Elferson, J. B. Jenkins, D. W. Perkins, L. M. Agrett, Alton Fennell, A. Z. Morgan, James Coleman, R. L. Williams, S. Smell, C. J. Keys, Mamie J. Strong, Maggie Cash Irene Simms, Marie W. McCalvy

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MARYLAND — Agnes B. Williams, Nellie Williams, Ethel Hamilton, Willie Smith, Elizabeth McLaren, Geraldine Jones, Annabelle Hayward, Lenz M. Powell, Mary McGuire, Lenida Foster, Beatrice Mason, Ester Rogers, Wilhelmina Weeks, Frances Jones, Georgia Mae Crews, Alphonso McLaren, Sara E. Holmes, Charles Meade, Annie Jones!

Clarence Rice, Phyllis Minor; Imperial Temple and Council, Knights of Omar — Marie L. Warren, W. L. Harrison, M. Givens, H. Smith, V. Morgan, C. J. Harrison, A. R. King, E. L. Marshall, E. Javins, E. A. Duncan, A. B. Johnson, M. Ruffin, J. Powell, J. D. Simpson, P. Hughes, J. E. Smith, L. K. Jackson, J. F. Releford, H. King, S. Blanks, Odessa Johnson.

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Official delegates from the early registry include the following persons and their states:

Mary Alston, Indiana
Thelma Ayers, Indiana
Ella Mae Anderson, Ohio
Lottie B. Anderson, Ohio
Kenneth Adair, Arkansas
Armon Allen, Indiana
Alice Allen, Maryland
Annie M. Andrews, Arkansas
Christine Allen, Illinois
Lula Acree, New Jersey
Self M. Andrews, North Carolina
Hattie Austin, Texas
Charles D. Bates, Maryland
Thelma Batiste, Louisiana
Brig. General C. C. Boyer, Mass.
William W. Browning, Maryland
Charles Buckner, Maryland
Mary T. Browning, Ohio
William W. Buckner, Maryland
Robert Brunch, Illinois
Dulcie R. Butler, North Carolina
Ivanie Bunkley, Illinois
S. A. Burnsley
Bertha Brown, Texas
Fannie Billups, Massachusetts
Ida Barzewell, Massachusetts
W. E. Bird, Texas
Sallie Bowman, Pennsylvania
Gladys L. Brown, Texas
Leola B. Butler, New York
Louise Benton, Texas
Anna Boone, Illinois
Gine Charles W. Brown, Penna.
Cora Ramsdin, Baltimore
Edith H. Brown, New York
Zetia Butler, California
Solomon Blanks, Maryland
George Bonham, Ohio
Schaden Baker, Michigan
Lizzie Bailey, Michigan
David Whitaker, Michigan
Mamie Bailey, Michigan
Kodie L. Baron, Virginia
Owen Brunson, Ohio
Sarah Benson, North Carolina
Lucy B. Bland
Annie Brown, Maryland
Geoff Booth, Texas
Leonna Blake, West Virginia
Lillian Berryman, Louisiana
Willie Mae Bowman, Michigan
V. E. Brown, Arkansas
Myrtle Cabness, Texas
Laurene Callaway, Michigan
Eleanora Campbell, Louisiana
Malissie Carnedy, Indiana
Ewing Carter, Ohio
Ezell R. Cox, California
Susan L. Clegg, North Carolina
Arthur Carnish, Maryland
Isla E. Crawford, North Carolina
Josephine Crawford, Ohio
Lonnie C. Crawford, Ohio
Josephine Crawford, Ohio
Jessie Curtis, Maryland
Sarah E. Curtis, Maryland
Margaret B. Campbell, Ohio
Jessie W. Cook, Louisiana
Ethel Clark, Michigan
J. E. B. Carter, Pennsylvania
Phymolia Cook, Kansas
Robert C. Carter, New Jersey
Edward Calhoun, New Jersey
Jessie Calhoun, Illinois
Virginia Clay, Michigan
General Raymond Custard, Michigan
Lula B. Carr, Texas
Dove Caldwell, Michigan
Mayor Adlaide Cobb, Michigan
Myrtle Crew, Texas
Robert Clarke, Indiana
Eva Cherry, Louisiana
Thelma Cuinn, Arkansas
Sallie Cotton, Texas
Georgia MacCrew
Addie Collion, Michigan
Frances Cunningham, Ohio
Julia Cash, Ohio
Maggie S. Cash, Florida
Vera Co-Coleman, Michigan
Edith Brooks, Maryland
Clementine Dobbs, Indiana
R. A. Driesbach, Florida
Medina Darby, Texas
Benson Dewberry, Illinois
Brooker W. Duncan, Michigan
Helena Dunham, Indiana
M. O. Dozier, Mississippi
Juanita Doss, New York
Katherine Douglas, Tennessee
C. Gertrude Debarry, W. Virginia
S. W. Dotson, Texas
Marcella DeShields, Maryland
Ruth Daniels, Illinois
Lillie Drummond, Michigan
John Dark, Alabama
Virgie Dailly, Michigan
Marie B. Elliott, Indiana
H. E. Edward, North Carolina
William R. Ellis, Ohio
Elizabeth B. Ellison, Massachusetts
Dora W. Cache, North Carolina
Ophelia J. Edwards
James T. M. Fagnen, Maryland
Mary Ford, Maryland
Amelia Foster, Maryland
Ollie Foster, Illinois
Georgia Fair, Texas
Gladys Farrow, Michigan
Opal Fisher, Michigan
Thelma Fields, Illinois
Ruby M. Frazier, Texas
Hulda Fain, New Jersey
Dr. D. Fleminge, Texas
Sara E. Mitchell, Virginia
B. T. Growsley, Mississippi
Papers Gunnells, Texas
Roxie Duckett, Washington
Ella Ficklin, Michigan
Sadie Dawson, Kansas
Zhena Wilson, Pennsylvania
Gouce Fields, Pennsylvania
Margaret Lolley, Texas
Marguerite Graves, Indiana
Rosa Mosley, Michigan
Theola Francis, New York
Stella Smith, Texas
Ernest Clapton, Michigan
Celeta Lee, Texas
D. M. George, Michigan
Hansel Gill, Ohio
Joseph Givens, Illinois
Mary Givens, Illinois
V. Green, Ohio
Wilson Griffin, North Carolina
Hallock Green, New York
S. G. Huff, Mississippi
A. E. Hudson, North Carolina
Mae B. Harvey, New Jersey
Beatrice Hayes, Louisiana
Hettie Green, Ohio
Mary Holmes, New York
Adell Garland, New York
Mary S. Gladden, West Virginia
Chester Goody, Maryland
Lillian Green, Maryland
Nole Garmon, Arkansas
Orville Green, Ohio
Edna Ham, Indiana
W. W. Hoover, North Carolina
Annie Jones, North Carolina
Hartlett Harmon, California
J. H. Harrison, West Virginia
Green, Hampton, Connecticut
Willie Mae Hill, Michigan
Lawrence Ingram, Ohio
H. E. Ireland, Michigan
Lizzie B. Jackson, Kansas
Connie L. Jackson, Texas
Ruth Jackson, Alabama
L. K. Jackson, Missouri
Ethel M. C. James, Texas
L. V. Jackson, Texas
Ethel Rae Johnson, Ohio
Pauline Johnson, Maryland
Mae Miss Johnson, Ohio
R. L. Harrison, Michigan
Ruth Ann Jones, Maryland
Georgia Harris, Maryland
L. J. Harris, Texas
Sadie Hamilton, Ohio
Hazel Hall, Ohio
Helena C. Hartley, North Carolina
Lena L. Holmes, Michigan
Ethel Holmes, Maryland
Joseph Holmes, Maryland
Francis Hence, Ohio
Gertie Hughes, Indiana
Robert T. Hamilton, Indiana
Ella T. Harrison, Kansas
Willie L. Harris, Louisiana
R. Ely Harper, Texas
Callie Harris, Indiana
Hermine Hardman, Indiana
Bessie Jones, Illinois
Christine Jones, Maryland
Lottie Jones, Rhode Island
Ethel Jones, Michigan
Walter Jones, Michigan
Jessie M. Jones, North Carolina
McKinley Jones, Maryland
Lillian Jones, Texas
Elbert W. Jones, Florida
Gregory N. Jaki, Louisiana
Ethel James, Washington, D.C.
Lillian Jeffreys, Ohio
Hattie B. Jones, New York
Ethel B. Jenkins, Pennsylvania
Edward M. Jew, Texas
Mary S. Johnson, Missouri
Bessie R. Jones, Arkansas
Ellery Johnson, Missouri
Lillian Johnson, Texas
Ruth Jones, Texas
Hortense Johnson, Texas
Alice W. Johnson, Louisiana
Bertha M. Kimble, Arkansas
Herman King, Michigan
Annie B. King, Missouri
George Kimble, Missouri
Mae Lamar, Ohio
Manolos Leigh, Ohio
Willie P. Lewis, Illinois
Lucille Lucas, Ohio
Lena J. Land, Maryland
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Ella Lyons, Texas
Ella M. Long, Texas
M. Harvey Lofton, Georgia
Lovet Leslon, Ohio
Portia Mae Lee, Michigan
Ira Lattie, New Jersey
Bessie Fowler, Texas
Bernice Smith, Texas
Artelia Thomas, Texas
Blanche Monroe, Missouri
Annabelle Haywood, Maryland
Lelia Montgomery, Michigan
Elsie McDonald, New Jersey
Lola Mucker, Illinois
Ned McGraham, Ohio
Essie Smith, Michigan
Pearl Miller, Ohio
Ruth Miller, Ohio
Vera Lee Morgan, California
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Julia McPherson, Ohio
Virtue Brank, Indiana
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J. C. Marshall, Maryland
James Smith, Maryland
Ruth Mae Mitchell, Ohio
Russell Miller, Kansas
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